

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Judith Friese et al.	Attorney Docket No.: 7098.US.01
Serial No.: 10/620,475	Examiner: R. Gitomer
Filed: July 16, 2003	
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**COMMUNICATION REGARDING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
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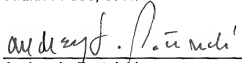
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Applicants request appropriate acknowledgement and posting of their RCE and accompanying documents filed for the above referenced application on June 1, 2007. Applicants' undersigned counsel spoke with a representative of the Patent Office this day (August 15, 2007) and was advised that a note would be sent to the responsible contractor regarding correction of the erroneously posted items.

Should the Examiner or any other Office personnel have any questions concerning the above, they are respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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5. Cited in the IDS, Copy of Office Action mailed February 27, 2006 in the Application No. 11/248,650 (Case No. 7098USC1) and its accompanying Form PTO-892 (13 pages);
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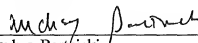
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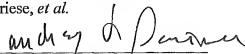
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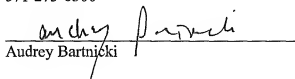
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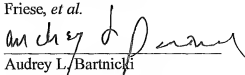
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